

REMARKS

In the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Application Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures (hereinafter "Notice") dated September 4, 2008, the Examiner alleges that the Sequence Listing filed on September 28, 2007 does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that

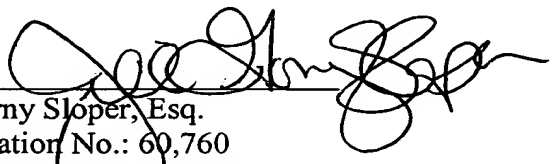
SEQ IDs 2/5/6 are antisense sequences (described in the specification in the 3' to 5' direction) which are listed in the sequence listing in the 5'-3' direction (as required by the sequence rules) and therefore should be labeled as antisense synthetic sequences in section <223>.

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Applicants respectfully note that there does not appear to be any formal provision within 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825 that requires the sequences recited in SEQ ID NOs. 2, 5 and 6 to be labeled "antisense synthetic sequences." As such, Applicants respectfully maintain that the issuance of the present Notice is unwarranted.

Notwithstanding, to expedite prosecution, Applicants submit a substitute paper copy and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, wherein section <223> of SEQ ID NOs. 2, 5 and 6 specifies "antisense synthetic sequence." *No new matter has been added to the substitute Sequence Listing.*

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